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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN ASIA

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1. ILO-FUNDED ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA HAVE BEEN LIMITED AND LOW KEY; NO PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE. SAUDIS ARE NOW ILO MEMBERS (REGRET ERROR IN REF A IN THAT RESPECT), AND DIRECTORGENERAL BLANCHARD HAS JUST COMPLETED WEEK-LONG TRIP HERE WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND FROM UNDP, WAS LARGELY COURTESY AND FUND-RAISING IN NATURE. NO NEW PROJECTS ARE PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED. FOLLOWING UNDP PROGRAMS HAVE RECEIVED ILO FUNDING:

2. SAU 70-009, PERIOD OF PROJECT 10/71 - 5/73. ONE ILO EXPERT TO ADVISE SAG ON PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR UNSKILLED WORKERS. PROJECT HAS BECOME IRRELEVANT IN CURRENT LABOR-SHORT CONDITIONS. NO FINAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY UNDP MISSION HERE.

3. SAU 71-002; PERIOD OF PROJECT 5/71 TO 10/73. ONE ILO SPECIALIST CAME FOR SIX MONTHS TO ADVISE ON EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN LOCAL COOPERATIVES.

4. SAU 72-004; PERIOD OF PROJECT 1973 TO 12/75. ONE ILO
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SPECIALIST IN PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

5. SAU 75-002; TWO WEEK PROJECT APRIL-MAY 1975. ONE ILO STAFFER MADE SHORT SURVEY OF MANPOWER NEEDS. POSSIBILITY BEING DISCUSSED OF ONE-YEAR FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO BE PAID BY SAUDIS.

6. UNDP HAS NO RECORD OF SAU 69-519, AND BELIEVES THIS MAY HAVE BEEN MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROJECT IN IRAQ WITH SAME NUMBER.

7. MOST ILO PROJECTS IN SAUDI ARABIA HAVE, AS CAN BE SEEN BY ABOVE RESUME, BEEN RELATIVELY SHORT TERM CONSULTANCIES. WE HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THE DETAILS OF INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT OR EXECUTION OF THESE LARGELY EXPIRED PROJECTS, ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION. THE PROJECTS SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF SAUDI ARABIA'S GREAT MANPOWER SHORTAGE AND RELATIVE LACK OF LABOR STATISTICS OR CONTROLS. THE ADVICE IS PROBABLY MADE AVAILABLE LARGELY TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR; NO INPUT IS REQUESTED OR RECEIVED FROM EMPLOYER OR WORKER ORGANIZATIONS (THE LATTER NOT BEING PERMITTED IN SAUDI ARABIA). SAUDI LABOR PLANNING PUTS LITTLE EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE, THUS WE ASSUME THAT ILO ACTIVITIES ARE NOT GEARED TOWARD STRENGTHENING RURAL SECTOR.
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